(c) by when the STD facilities are likely to be provided?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Nagarjunasagar i_a served by Hilly colony small capacity automatic exchange. There is no proposal at present to privde STD facility from this exchange.

Power Shortage

*379. SHRI PARVATHANENI UP-ENDRA; Will the Minister of ENERGY; be pleased to state:

(a) whether power shortage is adversely affecting the industrial output in various sectors; and

(b) if so, what action is being taken by Government to ensure uninterrupted power supply to Industry etc. and avoid large scale load-shedding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATl SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Industrial output depends on a number of factors and power shortage is one of the factors affecting industrial output.

(b) The supply of power to various categories of consumers is decided by the State authorities keeping in view the overall demand for power and its availability. The States have been advised to giv_e priority in supply of power to agriculture and to core sector industries.

The measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand managemnet and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Research centre for energy management

*380. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Research Centre for energy management;

(b) if so, what would be the main objectives of this Research Centre; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up and where would it be located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) Government propose to set up an Energy Management Centre with the main objective of strengthening and promoting conservation of energy in the country. The Centre is proposed to be set up at Nagpur during 1988-89.

Variation in installation costs of different thermal plants

2607. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE;
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased *to* state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the estimated cost of NTPC's 2000 MW Singrauli plant would be Rs. 1120 crore and that of 1260 MW Vindhya-chal plant about Rs. 1340 crore; but for the 1000 MW Rihand Plant the cost would be Rs. 1600 crore; and

(b) what are the names of the agents/middlemen if any, in each of the 3 cases for various items and jobs and the estimated amounts being given to them by the suppliers and purcha- sers as service charges/commission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI-MATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Tile estimated cost (September, 1987) of the projects is as follows:

(i) Singrauli Super Thermal Powe$_r$ Project Rs. 1205.39 crores.

(ii) Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project Rs. 1349.90 crores.

(iii) Rihand Super Thermal Power Project Rs. 1468.32 crores.

(b) No agent/ middleman is associated with any of the packages' of the Vindhyachal and Rihand Super Thermal Power Projects which are being implemented with bilateral assistance. Information in respect of the Singrauli Super Thermal Powe$_r$ Project, which was executed with World Bank assistance, is given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Agents associated with Singrauli STPP Packages and commission paid to them

Project	Package	Contractor	Name of Agent	Commission (Payable in terms of contract)
Singrauli STPP Stage-I Phase-I (3X200 MW)	Hydrogen Generation Plant	Electrolyser Corporation of India	Eastern Equipment & Sales	US $38874 01*
Singrauli STPP Stage-I Phase-I (3X20OMW)	Stack Elevator	Under Alimac Swen	i'cr	SRK 61000* (Approx.)
Singrauli STPP State-I Phase-II	Supply of Power & Control Cables	Marubeni Corporation Japan	Electrozaved Calcutta	J.Ynl 5 M* (Approx.)
Singrauli STPP Stage-II (2 X 500 MW)	Supnlvof 132 KX XL PE Cables	ASEA Kable Sweden	ASEA Ltd. New Delhi.	SEK 14585 05*
Singrauli STPP Stage-I	CT-CVT	ASEA Sweden	ASEA Ltd. New Delhi.	SEK 39374 23*

♦Paid in Equivalent Indian Rupees.

Note: The Indian Agents mentioned above are official agents nominated by the respective bidders and are specified in the Contract Agreements concluded with the bidders.

Functioning; of Telegraph Offices

2608. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KID-WAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telegraph offices in the country as on 31st January, 1988, circle-wise;

(b) the number of telegrams transmitted through telegraph offices from January, 1985 till January, 1988, circle-wise;

(c) the number of complaints received about non-delivery or very late delivery of telegrams during this period, circle-wise; and

(d) the details of remedial measures taken by Government to improve the efficiency and working of the telegraph department?